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Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee
Attn: Jim Bonham, Executive Director
430 S. Capitol Street, S.E.
Washington, DC 20003

RE: MUR 4953
The National Republican Congressional
Committee and Christopher J. Ward, as
treasurer, *et al.*

Dear Mr. Bonham:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on December 8, 1999 concerning the National Republican Congressional Committee and Christopher J. Ward, as treasurer ("NRCC") and other respondents concerning violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The Commission found there was reason to believe that the NRCC violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 441a(f), and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a)(1)(i), 106.5(c) and 106.5(g)(1)(i), and conducted an investigation into this matter. On March 25, 2004, a conciliation agreement signed by the NRCC was accepted by the Commission. A copy of the conciliation agreement is enclosed for your information.

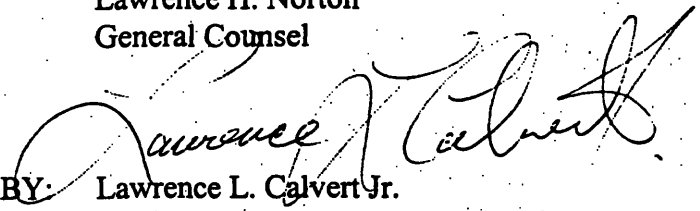
The Commission also found no reason to believe the following individuals and entities violated any provision of the Act or Commission regulations in connection with this matter: Representatives Richard Armey, Dennis Hastert, Thomas M. Davis, and Thomas D. DeLay, former Representative J. C. Watts, Jr., Messrs. Bob Mills, Jim Ellis, Karl Gallant, Ed Buckham, Dan Mattoon, and Dick DeVos, Mrs. Betsy DeVos, the Republican Majority Issues Committee, and Americans for a Republican Majority Political Action Committee and Corwin Teltschik, as treasurer. The Commission took no action with respect to the U.S. Family Network and Americans for Economic Growth. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on March 25, 2004.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). Copies of the dispositive General Counsel's Reports are enclosed for your information.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel


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Deputy Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

Enclosures (By U.S. Mail only):

General Counsel's Reports

Conciliation Agreement